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SUBJECT: ITALIAN COMMUNIST DELEGATION TO VISIT MOSCOW

1. A JOURNALIST SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED THE ACCURACY OF A PRESS REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT A HIGH LEVEL ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) DELEGATION WILL VISIT MOSCOW JUNE 29 THROUGH JULY 3 FOR TALKS WITH CPSU COUNTERPARTS. THE PCI DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY SECRETARY MEMBER GIANCARLO PAJETTA (PRESIDENT OF PARTY COMMISSION FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS) WHO WILL BE JOINED BY SECRETARIAT MEMBER PAOLO BUFALINI (RESPONSIBLE FOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS) AND BY DIRECTORATE MEMBER EMANUELE MACALUSO (FORMERLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHIEF OF THE PCI'S AGRICULTURAL SECTION). BOTH PAJETTA AND BUFALINI ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTORATE AND BUFALINI IN PARTICULAR IS REPORTED TO BE CLOSE TO BERLINGUER.

2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH OUR SOURCE, PAJETTA SIAD THAT THE TRIP HAS LONG BEEN SCHEDULED AND WILL REPRESENT

THE FIRST FULL HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGE BETWEEN DELEGATIONS
OF THE TWO PARTIES SINCE THE 25TH CPSU CONGRESS.
(SINCE THE CONGRESS, THERE HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN SOME
MEETINGS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL LEADERS OF THE TWO PARTIES.)
ACCORDING TO PAJETTA, THE SCOPE OF THE MEETING IS TO
REVIEW INTER-PARTY DEVELOPMENTS AT THE DISTANCE OF
ONE YEAR FROM THE BERLIN CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST
PARTIES. THE ITALIAN DELEGATION DOES NOT KNOW PRECISELY
WHO WILL LEAD THE SOVIET SIDE IN THE TALKS, BUT THEY
EXPECT IT TO BE SUSLOV.

3. COMMENT. THE VISIT COMES AT AN AWKWARD TIME FOR
THE PCI JUST DAYS FOLLOWING THE NEW TIMES ATTACH ON
SPANISH COMMUNIST LEADER CARRILLO. HOWEVER, THE PCI
HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED TO GO THROUGH WITH THE MEETING
IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN ON THE DRAWING
BOARD FOR SOME TIME. MEANWHILE, THE PCI HAS SOUGHT
TO REMAIN OUTSIDE THE DIRECT LINE OF FIRE BETWEEN THE
SOVIET AND SPANISH COMMUNISTS TAKING A DECISIVELY
PRUDENT APPROACH IN THE WAKE OF THE CONTROVERSY
SPARKED BY THE NEW TIMES ARTICLE. PAJETTA TOLD
OUR JOURNALIST SOURCE THAT JUNE 28 ISSUE OF L'UNITA
(PCI DAILY) WILL PUBLISH THE FULL TEXT OF NEW TIMES
ARTICLE TOGETHER WITH A COMMENTARY WHICH WILL ATTEMPT
TO REMOVE AMBIGUITY FROM THE CURRENT PCI POSITION.

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